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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Kearse "Glee Club."

Kearse, November 1.—The young folks of the neighborhood met last Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Ethel Kearse to organize a skating rink. On account of a misunderstanding of the appointed time of meeting there were only a few present. However, those that were present appointed the first meeting to be held in "Kearse hall," at Mr. J. J. Kearse's, on Friday evening, November 5th, at 8 o'clock. All who wish to join, big, little, old, and young, will please be present at this meeting. We will be glad to have any one join and help make our club a "glee club" in reality. Remember to be present November 5th.

News From Kearse.

Kearse, November 1.—Beautiful Indian summer is here. How pretty the day, and an old mocking bird is singing his sweet strains in his bower of red, purple and gold. The leaves so beautiful now, soon to lie in heaps of brown, and dead to form a mulch to enrich old mother earth and grow more leaves to gladden another spring. The little violets, too, are with us, and all wreathed in smiles of brightness, seem to say, "cheer up, sad souls of men, for I bring the joys of other days; join in with me." Only a few roses left to tell that summer was here but has gone, but the chrysanthemums will soon be in all their glory. The opossum too, comes in, and one hunter claims to have caught more than fifty. Who can beat that?

Rev. E. A. Wilkes is preaching a number of fine sermons at White Point school house. His sermon on Sunday morning was unusually good. His illustrations suited the occasion and place. He claimed all men could succeed if proper thought, diligence, and effort were used, in farming, business, or professions, but for the lack of these how many failures—so in being saved.

Dr. N. F. Kirkland, Sr., was in the neighborhood yesterday. All were glad to see him looking so well.

The young folks have formed a skating rink club and have rented the vacant store building of Mr. J. J. Kearse as a hall. Dr. Brabham will rub his hands in glee as he receives his fees for splints and arnica used.

The new home of Mr. H. J. Ritter will soon be finished, and will be one of the prettiest country homes in the county.

Stay on the farm boys. Here is what one acre produced this year: 60 bushels of oats harvested last of May. Prepared and planted in cotton in early June by two boys. Cotton sold off this plot on Saturday, 30th, and brought fifty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents. There is grain and cotton in all Bamberg county lands, and the future has much in store for the farmer.

Mr. J. F. Kearse, Sr., and daughter, Miss Ette, took in the musical festival in Charleston last week, also Quintus Brabham.

Miss Evelyn Brabham is visiting friends in Columbia this week.

OLD TIMER.

St. John's News.

St. Johns, November 1.—The farmers around here have about finished gathering this year's crop.

A good many of our folks went down to Charleston to take in gala week.

Mrs. Rebecca Ritter, of the Kearse section, died at her home last week and was laid to rest in the St. John's cemetery.

It will soon be time to grind cane. The cane around here is fine, some of our farmers have got it over 10 feet tall.

The St. Johns graded school is doing nicely. Mr. James Boles, of Edgefield, is principal this year.

Mr. H. W. Carter and family were the guests of Mr. W. D. Kinard last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ray, of Tampa, Fla., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Folk.

Mr. C. S. Hiers and family spent last Sunday with his brother, Mr. J. B. Hiers.

Mr. Hayston Shaw and Miss Bessie Ayer were happily married last Thursday evening at the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kinard were the guests of Mr. J. C. Brelant last Sunday.

A great many of our folks attended preaching at White Point school house last Sunday morning.

Miss Edith Hiers spent last Saturday night with Miss Agnes Peters.

Ladies of the Civic League will serve oysters Friday afternoon and evening at the court house.

COTTON STATEMENT ISSUED.

Hester Estimates October Total at 2,513,252 Bales.

New Orleans, La., November 2.—Secretary Hester's New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement, issued today, shows the total for October is 2,513,252, against 2,530,171 last year.

The movement from September 1 to October 21, inclusive, shows receipts at all United States ports 2,879,971, against 2,688,519 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 113,606, against 181,712 last year; Southern mills takings, exclusive of quantity consumed at Southern outports 440,000, against 416,000 last year, and interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season 427,625, against 465,481 last year.

These make the total movement of the cotton crop brought into sight during the two months ending close of October 3,861,202, against 3,751,612 last year.

Foreign exports for the two months of the season have been 1,918,373 bales, showing an increase over last season of 114,581.

Stocks at the Seaboard and the twenty-nine leading interior markets on October 31, were 1,376,630, against 1,305,322 the same date last year.

Including port and interior towns stocks left over from the previous season, and the number of bales of the current crop brought into sight during the two months, the supply has been 4,113,518, against 4,032,959 last year.

Up to the close of October last year 27.14 per cent of the cotton crop had been marketed and for the same two months in 1907 the percentage of the crop brought into sight was 23.24, and for the same time in 1906 the percentage marketed was 24.69.

FIREMAN ROASTED TO DEATH.

Spectators Were Unable to Help Unfortunate Man.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Unable to aid, fifty persons looked on to-day while Joseph Dresser slowly roasted to death in the debris of a wreck in the Platt street yards of New York Central railroad. John Chapman, yard master, was almost instantly killed in the smashup. Dresser was fireman on one engine which because of an open switch crashed into a long string of freight cars at high speed.

Rescuers were driven back by escaping steam while Dresser slowly roasted to death.

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Would Raise Price of Yarns.

Charlotte, N. C. Nov. 1.—For the purpose of ascertaining if a parity can not be established between the price of cotton and the selling price of yarns a committee representing the North Carolina cotton manufacturers will leave for New York city Thursday to hold a conference with the yarn commission men. C. E. Hutchinson of the Woodlawn mills of Mount Holly is chairman of this committee, and he will select the other members. The mill men believe that the commission men, who hold a strategic position between the manufacturer and the buyer, can aid the Southern mills in putting yarns on a more profitable basis, the selling price at this time being ruinous to the manufacturers.

Passenger Trains Collide.

Greenville, Nov. 1.—Train No. 16 from Greenville to Columbia and train No. 11, coming north, met in a head-on collision tonight near Shedd, not far from Belton. One engine was badly torn up but there was no fatalities so far as can be learned to-night.

It seems that orders were left at Williamston for No. 16 to meet No. 11 at Shedd, about half way between Williamston and Belton. No. 16 failed to get the orders at Williamston and the engineer of No. 16 evidently thought the two trains would meet at the usual place, Belton. No. 11 left Belton at 6:30. Just before reaching Shedd the two trains came together head on. Schedules are badly disarranged.

Hearst Defeated for Mayor.

New York, Nov. 2.—Tammany elected another mayor of Greater New York to-day but lost its grip on city finances. William J. Gaynor, of Brooklyn, swept the five boroughs to victory as mayor by at least 70,000 plurality, defeating Otto T. Bannard, Republican-fusion, and William Randolph Hearst, Independent. He failed, however, to carry his ticket with him, and the Republican-fusion forces will control absolutely the board of estimate and apportionment, which will disburse approximately \$1,000,000,000 during the administration. This is more than half a defeat for Tammany, for the control of the board of estimate was one of the principal issues of the campaign.

In addition the Republican-fusionist forces elected Charles S. Whitman district attorney of New York county, who defeated George Gordon Battle, the Democratic nominee, by at least 13,000 plurality, and John S. Shea for sheriff over Christopher D. Sullivan, Democrat, by approximately 10,000.

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IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Mrs. Luther Jones, while riding in a Ferris wheel at the county fair in Edgefield, was badly injured by a fall from the wheel.

A charter has been issued to the Citizens Bank of Allendale. Capital \$30,000. A general banking business will be conducted.

The dispensary winding up commission held a meeting in Columbia last week, and Mr. J. Pope Matthews, cashier of a bank in Columbia, was put through a grilling examination by Attorney Felder. Some very suspicious transactions were brought to light, being along the same line as formerly in regard to rebates.

David McDowell, the young white boy of Winstboro who was accidentally wounded by a parlor rifle in the hands of a playmate, Warren Flenniken, died in the hospital in Columbia without ever regaining consciousness. The shooting was an accident, young McDowell being at least 200 yards from the Flenniken boy when he was shot.

The recent arrest of Mrs. Cora Wilson in New York for giving checks without funds in a bank is interesting reading matter to the people of Aiken. Mrs. Wilson once organized a bank in Aiken and had a building fitted up with the costliest kind of furniture for the bank (which, by the way, was never paid for,) but after using the scheme to get as much money and credit as possible, she skipped out, and has not been back, much to the regret of many people hereabouts.

F. E. Brunson, a wood dealer at Florence, lost a valuable mule the other day and came near losing another. One of his hands was engaged in hauling wood to the premises of Mr. Julian C. Rogers, in West Pine street, and after driving in the yard both mules stepped on the covering of a "dry well," which was hidden from view. No sooner than the two large, fine mules had landed on the covering, it broke through, letting both of them down into the well. Help was immediately summoned, and for several hours men worked to save the two animals, which were sinking deeper and deeper into the vault. After considerable effort and excavation one of the mules was gotten out, but badly injured from the terrible strain and ordeal that it underwent. The other mule died just about the time that it was removed from the vault.

Tilman on Rockefeller.

Senator Tilman, who was here today on account of the examination for the appointments to Annapolis, expressed himself as much pleased with the Rockefeller gift of a million dollars for a campaign against the hook worm disease.

"While I was in Washington," said he, "Dr. Stiles came around to my rooms and gave me a very interesting insight into the subject with a talk illustrated by his stereopticon views. There appears to be enough in the scare to warrant a thorough investigation, and I believe the Rockefeller gift will be of great benefit. It won't hurt Rockefeller, and spending the money down here can't hurt us."

"But as I am able to see the matter, it appears to me that Dr. Stiles and the other experts have made a false step in this respect: They point out how the disease is taken in through the feet on account of the children going barefooted. I know I went barefooted until I was a great big fellow, as did many of my acquaintances. We never heard about the hookworm disease then. I don't think anybody will ever accuse me of ever having any symptoms of the disease."

"However, I think Rockefeller would accomplish much more good with his millions if he were to devote some of them to the education of the poor whites of the South. That is the most important thing to be done."

The senator was reminded that the oil king had already given many millions to the cause of education in the South and all over the country.

"But," exclaimed the senator, swearing a bit, but not for publication, "he has placed his money in the hands of blooming old boards composed of people who do not understand us down here and it will go for the wrong sort of education."

Laughing, the senator inquired how the fund was getting on to raise the \$10 for his ticket to the Taft banquet.

"I see this crowd here is trying to have some fun out of me about that ticket, but from what I can observe it looks to me more like a case of dry grins on their part."—Columbia Record.

Accidentally Shot.

Winstboro, Oct. 29.—A deplorable accident occurred near J. E. Couser's home on the Eastern edge of town late this afternoon, when Warren Flenniken, the young son of W. H. Flenniken, accidentally shot his playmate, David McDonald. A party of four boys were out with .22 calibre rifles shooting sparrows when the accident occurred. Young McDonald was struck in the back of the head. At the time of the departure of the Columbia train the ball had not been located and consciousness had never been regained by the boy. Young McDonald was taken to Columbia for an operation.

LEGAL BATTLE OVER DOG.

Raw-Boned Hound Keeps Lawyers and Magistrate Busy All Day.

Aiken, Oct. 28.—One raw-boned, red hound, known as "Buck," was the cause of a litigation in Magistrate Smoak's court Wednesday, which lasted all day, and cost quite a sum of money to the parties interested. "Buck" was an interested witness in court, but before the end of the tedious hearing, he got sleepy and went off to the happy hunting grounds, only to be suddenly awakened by the joyful winner of the suit and carried home.

Mr. Laurie M. Courtney instituted claim and delivery papers against Mr. Hastings Hendrix, to compel him to give up the dog, on the ground that he had been stolen from Mr. Courtney several years ago. Early in the morning the case began. W. Q. Davis, Esq., represented Mr. Hendrix. Countless witnesses were examined.

Judge Smoak finally decided that Mr. Hendrix was entitled to keep the canine. An interesting point involved was that under the law a dog is not considered one's property unless the dog is returned for taxation. Mr. Courtney had not returned this dog. The dog in question is about eight years of age, and in actual value worth very little, being an ordinary hound. However, the case was one of the most interesting, as well as exciting that has ever come up before the magistrate for a hearing.

Power Wire Stops Train.

Rock Hill, Oct. 28.—The passenger train that leaves this place at 7.55 in the morning for Kingsville, via Lancaster and Camden, was delayed about two hours and a half at Leslie's Station yesterday morning on account of the wires of the Southern Power company's lines breaking where they cross the railroad, near that place.

Fortunately some one heard the noise when the wires broke, and when the train reached Leslie's informed Capt. McGuire, who was in charge of the train, that they were down, and after running his train down to the point where the wires were down, and seeing that it was impossible to get by without coming in contact with them, ran back to Leslie's and he and Mr. Dixon Leslie of that place got into an automobile and came to this place, phoned the power company to cut off the current and get some linemen, who went down and cut the wires out of the way.

It was a very fortunate thing that the break did not occur in the night time, as your correspondent is informed that one of the wires was down to where it would have struck the smoke stack of the engine about two feet below the top, and the possibility is that had they run into it at night the engineer and fireman, and probably others on the train, would have been electrocuted as the wires are the main ones leading from Great Falls to the plant on the Catawba, above this city and carry a tremendous voltage.

Ill in a Horse Trough.

Atlanta, November 1.—Critically ill with diphtheria, Press Walker, a negro workman in the employ of the Central Creamery company at 167-A Whitehall street, was forced to lie in a horse trough for a day and a half, as shelter was refused him at the hospitals.

On Friday, about midday, Walker found himself unable to continue work, and as he had no permanent home in Atlanta, the manager of the creamery had him placed in the stables, until he could notify the health authorities. The Grady hospital was called, but Walker was refused as a patient on the grounds that he was afflicted with a contagious health authorities. The Grady hospital was tried with a like result. Unsuccessful attempts were made to reach the ward physician.

Meanwhile the negro lay unattended, exposed to the air and within a yard of a kicking mule. The police authorities succeeded in reaching City Warden Evans over the telephone and he promised that the case would be investigated immediately.

Killed While Gambling.

Cedartown, Ga., Nov. 1.—As the result of an alleged difficulty in a game of cards here Sunday morning, C. J. Turner is dead and Robert Duke is seriously stabbed. Duke has been placed under arrest.

The two men are said to have been involved in a difficulty over the game. Turner stabbed Duke in the throat with a knife. Duke fired three shots in rapid succession. Two of the bullets struck Turner in the forehead and one in the breast, killing him instantly.

Turner was an employee of a local insurance company and Duke is an engineer on the Central of Georgia railway. Turner leaves a family. Duke is married.

Scalded to Death With Tea.

Rock Hill, Nov. 1.—J. N. McElwee of this city received a telegram this morning from Dr. J. P. Crawford of Nashville, Tenn., conveying the sad intelligence of the death of the latter's oldest child, Edward. A few days ago, while sitting at the supper table, he in some way overturned a pot of boiling tea on himself and was severely burned, dying from the effects of the same this morning. Dr. Crawford is a native of York county and a former citizen of this place. Mrs. Crawford before marriage was Miss Jennie Russell of this city, and they have numerous friends here and at other places who will learn with much regret of their sad misfortune.

TRIED TO ASSAULT WOMAN

DUTCH FORK, LEXINGTON, SCENE OF THE CRIME.

Coot Lever, Negro Who Confessed Guilt, Captured and Hurried Towards Lexington.

Lexington, Nov. 1.—The usual quietness of Dutch Fork in the neighborhood of Piney Woods church was broken this afternoon about 1 o'clock by the dastardly but unsuccessful attempt of a negro to assault the wife of a prominent farmer of that section. News of the crime is meagre and nothing definite can be learned but it is stated that the negro who attempted the assault was a laborer on the place.

The woman is said to have been choked but the extent of her injuries can not be learned. Deputy Sheriff Miller left for the scene in an automobile this afternoon about 4 o'clock, carrying Sheriff Corley's faithful blood hounds with him.

Messages from Chapin by long distance phone stated that the whole country round about is wrought up as never before and there is some probability of the negro being lynched if caught. Those who know the determination of Deputy Sheriff Miller, however, believe that once the negro gets into his possession the officer will see that no violence is done even though he must risk his own life.

NEGRO CAPTURED.

Coot Lever Arrested Near Chapin Last Night.

Chapin, Nov. 1.—Coot Lever was captured at the home of John Reaze, a negro, at 9 o'clock tonight and is now, at 11 p. m., well on his way to Lexington in a buggy, in the custody of deputy sheriff Miller and Roof, a mob of 100 men, which came to Chapin, having been evaded.

Lever was captured by Deputy Miller and Mr. Eleazer and has confessed to them that he made the attempted assault.

Soon after the negro was brought to Chapin a crowd of about 100 men approached the station here. The negro was hustled some distance down the railroad track and then through briars and bushes. Then he was placed in a buggy and the deputies, as stated, hurried away with him towards Lexington.

The crowd at the station flagged the Southbound Columbia, Newberry & Laurens train and searched it—some members of the mob going on the train towards Columbia.

The intended victim of the negro was choked and has bruises on her neck and shoulders, but is not seriously hurt. She screamed, the husband of the woman came to the rescue and the negro ran.

While at the station members of the mob asked questions as to the negro's whereabouts, none of which were answered. The members of the mob were armed with pistols and clubs.

Lever, the negro, is a young fellow. There is no doubt as to his guilt.

Died in the Proper Way.

A clergyman, who was not averse to an occasional glass, hired an Irishman to clean out his cellar. The Irishman began his work. He brought forth a lot of whiskey bottles and as he lifted each one looked through it at the sun. The preacher, who was walking on the lawn, saw him and said: "They are all dead ones, Pat." "They are!" said Pat. "Well, there is one good thing about it; they all had the minister with them when they were dying."—Argonaut.

Bad Luck Starts.

New York, Nov. 1.—Professional jealousy wrecked a big mirror in a saloon at 1747 Madison avenue last night, and as a starter for the seven years' hard luck coming to Scott Koren, of 3 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, he was locked up. Koren is an ex-bartender of the saloon. Last night he went in to start to say things to Wm. Glatz, his successor. His final insult was: "Vy, you can't even make a milk shake!"

Glatz seized a bung starter and Koren picked up a big beer glass, and in the melee the big mirror was shattered.

Tried to Murder Judge.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 1.—With the thigh bone of the man he had just been convicted of murdering, C. M. Miller this afternoon tried to brain Judge Frank Smith, who had been the trial judge. When Miller pulled the gruesome weapon from under his bed, Judge Smith bolted from the cell of the convicted man and escaped. Miller was overpowered after a fight with the jail guards.

Some months ago A. Flood was murdered, and his body dismembered, a portion of it being found in the St. Francis river. Under the floor of the home of Miller the bone of a human thigh was found. During the trial the thigh bone was introduced and identified as that of Flood because of its peculiar formation, it having once been broken. Miller was convicted on the evidence of the physician who identified it.

When court adjourned the bone was left in the court room in a valise and Miller smuggled it into his cell. He sent for Judge Smith, telling the messenger that he wanted to have a private conversation with the jurist. Judge Smith says Miller had a look of murder on his face when he reached for the unique weapon.

BILLS IN GRAFT CASES.

Indictments Presented to Chester Grand Jury.

Chester, Nov. 1.—Court of sessions met at 10 o'clock this morning with Judge Ernest Moore, of Lancaster, presiding in lieu of Judge Geo. E. Prince. Attorney General Lyon is here making arrangements for the trial of some of the dispensary cases. This afternoon Solicitor Henry handed to the grand jury the following bills that have been prepared by the attorney general:

The State vs. Jodie M. Rawlinson, Joseph B. Wylie, John Black, James S. Farnum, John T. Early, M. A. Goodman, H. Lee Solomons—Indictment for conspiracy.

The State vs. James S. Farnum—Indictment for bribery.

The first bill, after reciting the fact that Rawlinson, Black and Wylie were the duly elected representatives of the people of South Carolina to purchase liquors of the old State dispensary, charges that they did, at Chester, on March 6, 1906, agree to accept certain rebates over and above their salary, in a matter not allowed by law, from the other defendants named in the bill.

The second bill charges James S. Farnum with having on the sixth day of March, 1908, at Chester, corruptly given, offered and promised to Joseph B. Wylie a gift or gratuity of the value of \$1,575 to influence his vote as a member of the dispensary board in the purchase of liquors for the State.

The attorney general does not hope to have any of these cases tried at this term, but some of them will surely come up for trial at next term, at least at a term during the year.

Negro Kills White Man.

Danville, Va., Nov. 1.—Edward Powell, white, was shot and fatally injured in an altercation with William Dudley Smith, colored, of Alta Vista, Va., Sunday night in the northern part of Pennsylvania county, dying this afternoon.

The shooting occurred at a general row at the negro quarter, where liquor is alleged to have been unlawfully sold. Powell was a farmer, aged 35 and leaves a wife and five children.

Conductor Kills Negro.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 1.—Conductor Leek Montgomery of the Augusta Southern tonight at Keyville, 26 miles below here, shot and killed John Williams, a negro passenger on the train. The conductor and the passenger had an altercation, and the conductor received a flesh wound in the side before the negro jumped from the train and then ran. The conductor's aim was good, however, and the negro dropped. This is the second shooting on this road during the past two years in which the conductor and a negro passenger had fights, the last time being when Conductor James Mason was killed by a negro who was never apprehended. Conductor Montgomery tonight was not incapacitated for duty as the flesh wound was not very deep.

Negro Seriously Shot.

Lancaster, Nov. 1.—A serious difficulty occurred last night about 9 o'clock in the western suburb of town between two negroes, Lewis Stinson and Henry Boyd, in which the latter was shot in the breast, a shot gun being the weapon used. Boyd's condition is regarded as critical. Stinson, who made his escape after the shooting and has not yet been captured, was raised in Chester county. The trouble, it is said, was about a woman.

Voorhees School Aided.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 29.—The Voorhees Industrial school, at Denmark, South Carolina, is a thousand dollars better off through the interest taken in that institution by the late Mrs. Marion E. Hollingsworth, of Milton, Mass. Mrs. Hollingsworth's will, with various codicils, was allowed at the Norfolk county probate court today, and included a number of public bequests, running from one to several thousand dollars each. The most of the bequests were like that to the Voorhees school, of \$1,000. With but two exceptions the charities to benefit are located in the neighborhood of Boston. Washington's school at Tuskegee, was the other outside institution, and will receive \$2,000. Mrs. Hollingsworth directed that her jewels, of which she had a large and valuable collection, be sold, and the proceeds used to aid consumptives.

Teach the Boys and Girls to Work.

We must not, however, make the mistake of allowing children to grow up in idleness without some regular fixed duties to perform. No person has any right to live and enjoy the privileges and pleasures of this life who does not work. The more clearly and forcibly this is impressed on the boy and girl by requiring them to give something in the way of definite regular service for what they receive, the more wholesome view of labor and the responsibilities of life will they acquire.

Usually if the parents are hard workers, the children are required to work, and as a rule we believe too much labor is required of the boys on the farm, but there are parents who make slaves of themselves to maintain their children in idleness. This is worse than either over-work or idleness for all. The boys and girls kept in idleness while their fathers and mothers slave for their comfort and maintenance are almost certain to develop a supreme selfishness, as well as habits of idleness, which will remain throughout life.—Progressive Farmer.